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## General

The Federated States of Micronesia, comprising all of the Caroline Islands except the Bell group, formerly Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, is located in the North Pacific Ocean in a vast chain between 1°N and 10°N, and 131°E and 164°E.

The climate is tropical. There is heavy rainfall throughout the year, especially in the E islands which are located on the S edge of the typhoon belt.

The terrain is geological from high mountainous islands to low, coral atolls.

There is volcanic outcropping on Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Truk.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the U.S. dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

Formerly a part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific, the Federated States of Micronesia is a republic and has a constitutional government, in free association with the United States. The Compact of Free Association entered into force 21 October 1986. The capital is Palikir.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

January 1, New Year's; May 10, Proclamation of the Federated States of Micronesia; and December 25, Christmas.

## Industries

The main industries are based on tourism, construction, fish processing, and craft from shell, wood, and pearls.

## Languages

English is the official language. Trukese, Phonpeian, Yapese, and Kosraean are spoken.

## Mined Areas

Within Truk or Hogulu Islands, the following swept channels to Moen Island anchorage have been established:

1. North Pass and channel 0.5 mile wide with centerline joining the following points:
  - a. 7°28'36"N, 151°48'35"E.
  - b. 7°29'18"N, 151°48'56"E.
  - c. 7°31'35"N, 151°51'13"E.
  - d. 7°32'22"N, 151°51'18"E.
  - e. 7°37'26"N, 151°49'10"E.
  - f. 7°39'38"N, 151°47'54"E.
  - g. 7°40'55"N, 151°46'56"E.

2. Northeast Pass and channel 0.5 mile wide with centerline joining the following points:

- a. 7°30'00"N, 151°49'54"E.
- b. 7°30'26"N, 151°53'57"E.
- c. 7°30'16"N, 151°55'33"E.
- d. 7°30'01"N, 151°56'53"E.
- e. 7°29'55"N, 151°57'54"E.

then course 061.5° through Northeast Pass.

3. South channel and pass 0.5 mile wide with centerline joining the following points:

- a. 7°13'28"N, 151°47'52"E.
- b. 7°17'38"N, 151°51'36"E.
- c. 7°19'14"N, 151°51'36"E.
- d. 7°19'23"N, 151°52'34"E.
- e. 7°19'23"N, 151°54'59"E.
- f. 7°22'24"N, 151°56'44"E.
- g. 7°23'54"N, 151°54'39"E.
- h. 7°23'37"N, 151°49'40"E.

4. Piaanu or West Pass and channel to anchorage, Southeast Fefan Island, 0.5 mile wide with centerline joining the following points:

- a. 7°15'54"N, 151°44'31"E.
- b. 7°14'13"N, 151°40'05"E.
- c. 7°14'18"N, 151°38'03"E.
- d. 7°16'55"N, 151°35'53"E.
- e. 7°17'43"N, 151°34'35"E.
- f. 7°19'52"N, 151°31'55"E.

then course 270° through Piaanu Pass.

5. Ships should veer anchor and cable if anchoring, and submarines should not bottom in the above channels due to the danger of detonating inactive mines.

6. Moen anchorage has been swept and is considered safe for navigation. Anchorage is enclosed by a line joining the following positions:

- a. 7°22'41"N, 151°45'25"E.
- b. 7°22'41"N, 151°50'26"E.
- c. 7°23'57"N, 151°50'26"E.
- d. 7°24'31"N, 151°48'42"E.
- e. 7°25'19"N, 151°48'44"E.
- f. 7°25'35"N, 151°49'08"E.
- g. 7°28'33"N, 151°49'51"E.
- h. 7°28'33"N, 151°45'22"E.

7. Area in the vicinity of Eten Island is safe for surface navigation only.

Anchoring, dredging, pile-driving, trawling, and submarine bottoming should be avoided.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone descriptions for the Federated States of Micronesia are as follows: Yap is KILO (-10). Truk, Ponape, and Kosrae are LIMA (-11).

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy for the Federated States of Micronesia is situated at NA, Kolonia.

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